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Ottawa, 19th July, 1910.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 27th May last written at Berens River stating that "it did not seem to be understood by the Hudson's Bay Co., that they were to furnish supplies for Little Grand Rapids and Pekangikum" etc. I beg to state that the Department fails to see how you gained that impression ~~you were~~ as the Hudson's Bay Co., was not to supply these Bands. The Company was quite right in not understanding they were to furnish supplies to these Bands. The Department ^{furnished} you under cover of letter of the 10th March last with a copy of the Contract for bacon and flour for the Norway House Agency as well as a detailed copy of the estimates showing the quantities of these and other supplies to be received from the warehouse allowed for the Bands mentioned therein. The flour, bacon, tea etc., for Little Grand Rapids and Pekangikum were included in the contract and the estimates show it very clearly.

Further, on the 15th April last the Department furnished you with a copy of the contract awarded the Hudson's Bay Co. for the supplying and delivery of supplies to Norway House and other points north not mentioned in estimates referred to and all you had to do was to receive the supplies at the various points. The Hudson's Bay Company's contract did not cover Little Grand Rapids and

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